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SUBJ: CMU STUDENTS PROTEST U TAPAO INCIDENT

FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION IMMEDIATE BANGKOK INFO UDORN
SONGKHLA MAY 16 FM CHIANG MAI RPTD FOR YOUR INFO:

CHIANG MAI 0113

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SUBJECT: CMU STUDENTS PROTEST U TAPAO INCIDENT

1. FOLLOWING VISIT MAY 15 OF EIGHT CMU STUDENTS
PROTESTING U TAPAO MARINES INCIDENT AND DEMANDING USG
WITHDRAW ALL FORCES ASAP, HALT MILITARY INTERFERENCE IN
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INDOCHINA AND APOLOGIZE TO THAI PEOPLE (REPORTED IN

HARBIN-KUSHLIS TELCON), AND DELIVERY MORNING MAY 16
BY CONSULAR ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT CMU STUDENT UNION
OF EMBASSY'S ORAL REPLY (PER BARNES-HARBIN TELCON)
SAME GROUP RETURNED TO CONSULATE AFTERNOON MAY 16.

2. GROUP EMERGED FROM TWO SEDANS OUTSIDE
CONSULATE COMPOUND AND PROCEEDED TO AFFIX POSTERS TO
COMPOUND WALLS. POSTERS STATED "THAILAND IS NOT AMERICA",
"AMERICA DOG COUNTRY GO BACK TO YOUR CAGE", AND OTHER
ENDEARMENTS IN ENGLISH AND THAI. HAVING COMPLETED THAT
TASK, GROUP THEN PRODUCED MUCH-PRIZED BULLHORN AND INVITED
CONSULATE TO SEND OUT REPRESENTATIVE TO RECEIVE WREATH.
FAILING TO RECEIVE RESPONSE GROUP SENT FIVE REPS
ACCOMPANIED BY LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER FOR BANGKOK'S
THAI RATH TO READ STATEMENTS AND DESPOSIT WREATH
BEFORE CONSULATE BUILDING ITSELF. OWING EITHER TO
LIMITATIONS OF CHIANG MAI'S FLORISTS OR STUDENT GROUP'S
PURSE "WREATH" TURNED OUT TO BE MUCH-ABUSED BASKET
BOTTOM WITH "GO HOME" STREAMER ATTACHED. PHOTOGRAPHER
SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INGENUITY IN GETTING CONSULATE
FACADE, WREATH, BULLHORN, AND PEOPLE IN PHOTOS.
GROUP DEPARTED AND POLICE ARRIVED SIMULTANEOUSLY. WHOSE
INCIDENT TOOK ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR. LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER
FOR BANGKOK'S DAILY NEWS ARRIVED ON SCENE TOO LATE TO
COVER PROCEEDINGS. APPARENTLY CHIANG MAI PRESS WAS NOT
PEPRESENTED AND GENERAL PUBLIC WENT ABOUT ITS BUSINESS
AS EVENTS UNFOLDED.

3. COMMENT: GROUP DROPPED OFF TWO SIMILAR POSTERS
AT USIS BRANCH EN ROUTE TO CONSULATE. UNDERSTAND BULLHORN
WAS USED CONTINUOUSLY MAY 15 ON CMU CAMPUS IN VAIN ATTEMPT
TO STIR UP PARTICIPATION IN CONSULATE VISIT. EIGHT OUT
OF CAMPUS POPULATION OF EIGHT THOUSAND WAS NOT VERY GOOD
SHOWING. IN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, UNDERSTAND
BOONSANONG BOONYOTHAYAM, SPT SYGEN AND CANDIDATE IN CM
BY-ELECTION, HAS NOW ARRIVED ON CMU CAMPUS WITH GROUP OF
BANGKOK ACTIVISTS AND IS USING SOUND TRUCK TO ANNOUNCE
IMMINENT RALLY AT UNIVERSITY. HARBIN
WHITEHOUSE

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